THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE ELIPE DHARMA RAO

WRIT PETITION No.17008 of 2005

Between:

Smt.K.Rajeswari

.. Petitioner

and

The Government of A.P., and others

.. Respondents

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O R D E R:

This writ petition is filed to declare the action of the respondents in not disposing of the application dated 20.03.2004 submitted by the petitioner for grant of mining lease for dolomite, latryte and iron ore to an extent of 274.50 hectares in Sy.Nos.592, 593, 647 and 648 of Chemalapenta village and Sy.Nos.883, 884 and 889 of Tummaluru village, Pendlimarri Mandal, Kadapa District, as illegal and arbitrary.

It is the case of the petitioner that she submitted an application, dated 20.03.2004 along with relevant documents, for grant of mining lease. After receipt of the said

application, the third respondent-The Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Kadapa informed that the applied area would be inspected on 13.04.2004 and requested the petitioner to be present in the office on that day. Therefore, the third respondent processed the application of the petitioner and forwarded the same to the second respondent for further consideration. The petitioner stated that though she submitted the application on 20.03.2004, the respondents have not passed any orders so far. Hence, the petitioner is constrained to file this writ petition seeking necessary direction in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Mines and Geology.

The limited grievance of the petitioner is that though she is the first applicant, who submitted the application on 20.03.2004 for grant of mining lease for dolomite, latryte and iron ore minerals to an extent of 274.50 hectares in Sy.Nos.592, 593, 647 and 648 of Chemalapenta village and Sy.Nos.883, 884 and 889 of Tummaluru village, Pendlimarri Mandal, Kadapa District, the respondents have not considered the same.

In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission directing the respondents to consider the application dated 20.03.2004 submitted by the petitioner and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

02.08.2005

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